

2 More Say CIA Taught Assassins

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WILLIAMSBURG — Two former employees of the Central Intelligence Agency told The Times-Dispatch Thursday night that the CIA has in the past trained men in the techniques of assassination at nearby Camp Peary, a Pentagon installation with very tight security.

One of the ex-employees, Victor L. Marchetti, also told The Times-Dispatch he "guessed" that some policemen have been trained by the CIA at Camp Peary. It was recently reported in New York and in Fairfax County that some policemen had been trained by the CIA in wire-tapping and surveillance.

Marchetti had told The Virginia Gazette, a Williamsburg weekly, earlier in the week that a number of "contract employees" of the CIA were trained at Camp Peary for participation in Operation Phoenix, a "counterterror" program in South Vietnam.

The other ex-employee, Patrick J. McGarvey, told the Gazette there was an informant system "financed, supported, trained, advised and directed" by CIA agents in South Vietnam. He said that that program became the backbone of the agency's assassination program there.

Marchetti and McGarvey told The Times-Dispatch that the assassination techniques were part of an 18-month paramilitary course at Camp Peary.

Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the CIA's deputy director also told The Times-Dispatch that Americans trained in assassination at Camp Peary were part of a cadre of U.S. agents who McGarvey said are used to train "foreign nationals" for the actual commission of the acts. McGarvey said the CIA then denies taking part in assassination programs.

reported last December that Camp Peary was a training base for CIA agents. The paper also said it was believed that assassination techniques were a part of the training.

Angus A. Thuermer, who identified himself as assistant to the director of the CIA, told a Times-Dispatch Washington reporter in December that "statements about assassination training and teams are utterly without truth. The agency has never participated in or trained for assassination."

Thuermer said Thursday night, "The agency has never trained for or carried out assassination operations — ever."

McGarvey said of the "assassination team" mentioned in the Gazette's original story: "These men are trained individually in diverse paramilitary techniques and assassination is just one aspect of a CIA course, not a particular subject of study."

McGarvey left the CIA in 1968 after seven years of service. He recently published a book, "CIA: The Myth and the Madness."

Marchetti resigned from the CIA in 1969 after 14 years with the agency. He has written one book, "The Rope Dancer," a fictional account of intelligence activities. He is currently prohibited by a court injunction from publishing a nonfictional book on the CIA.

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